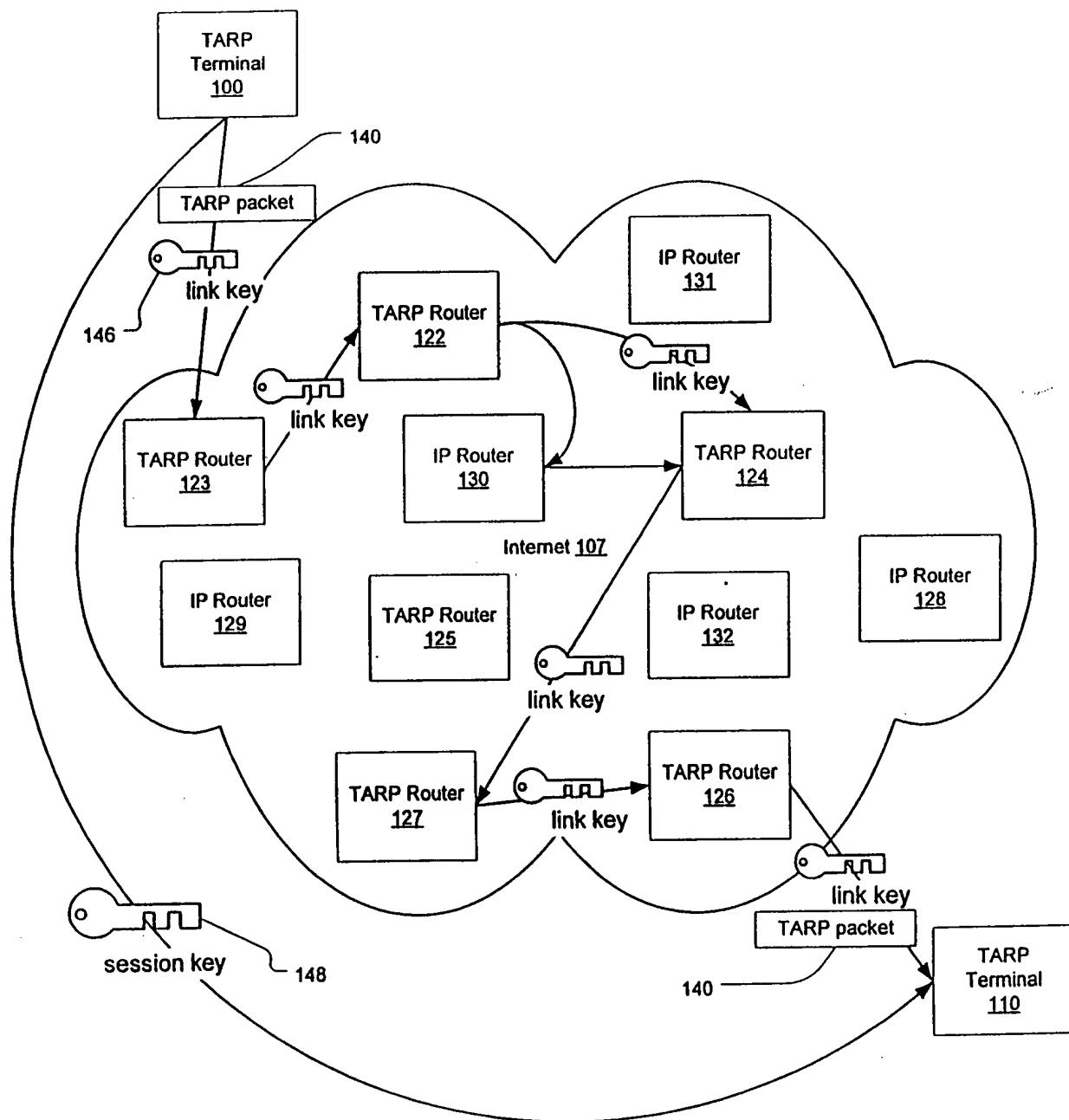


Fig. 1



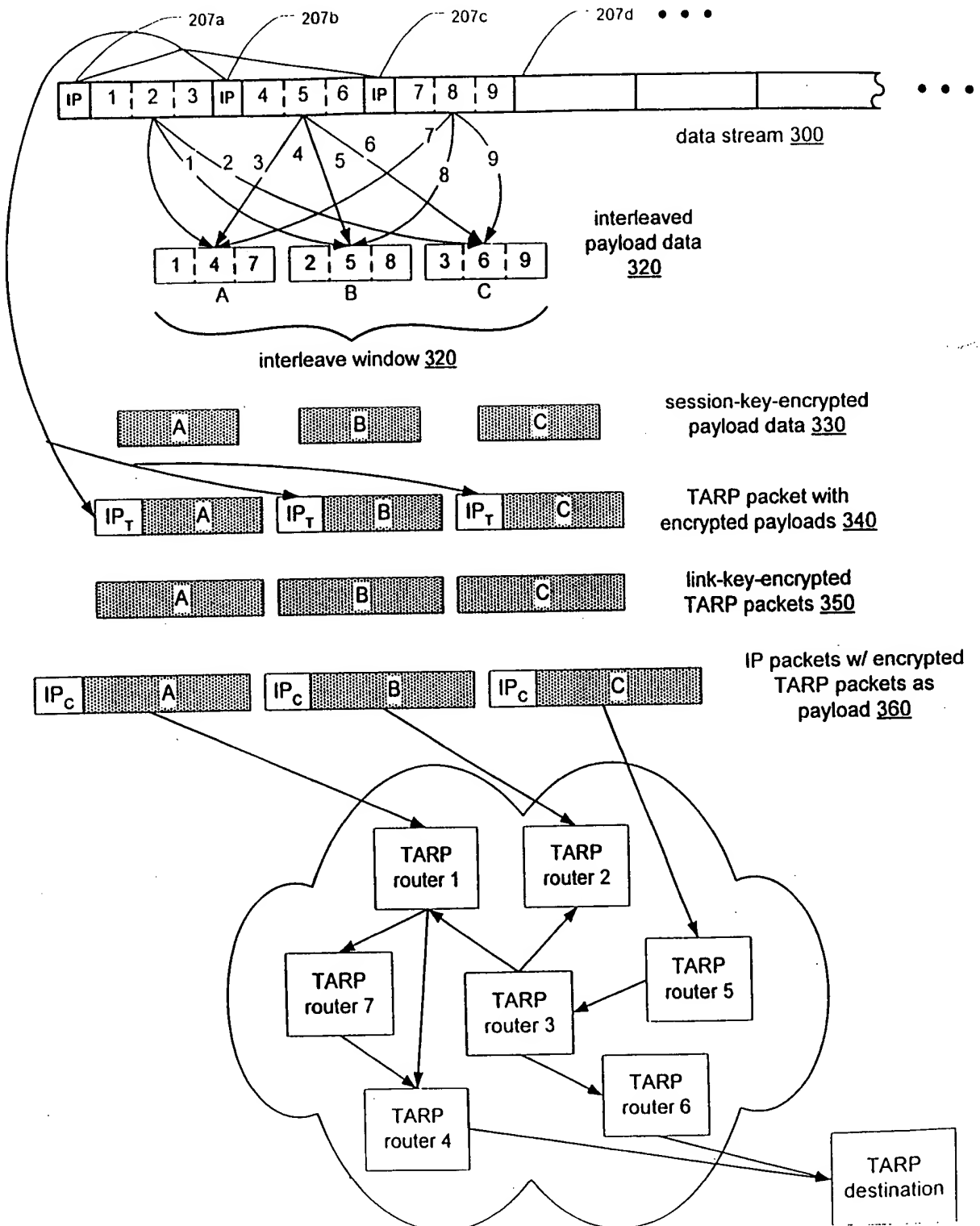


Fig. 3a

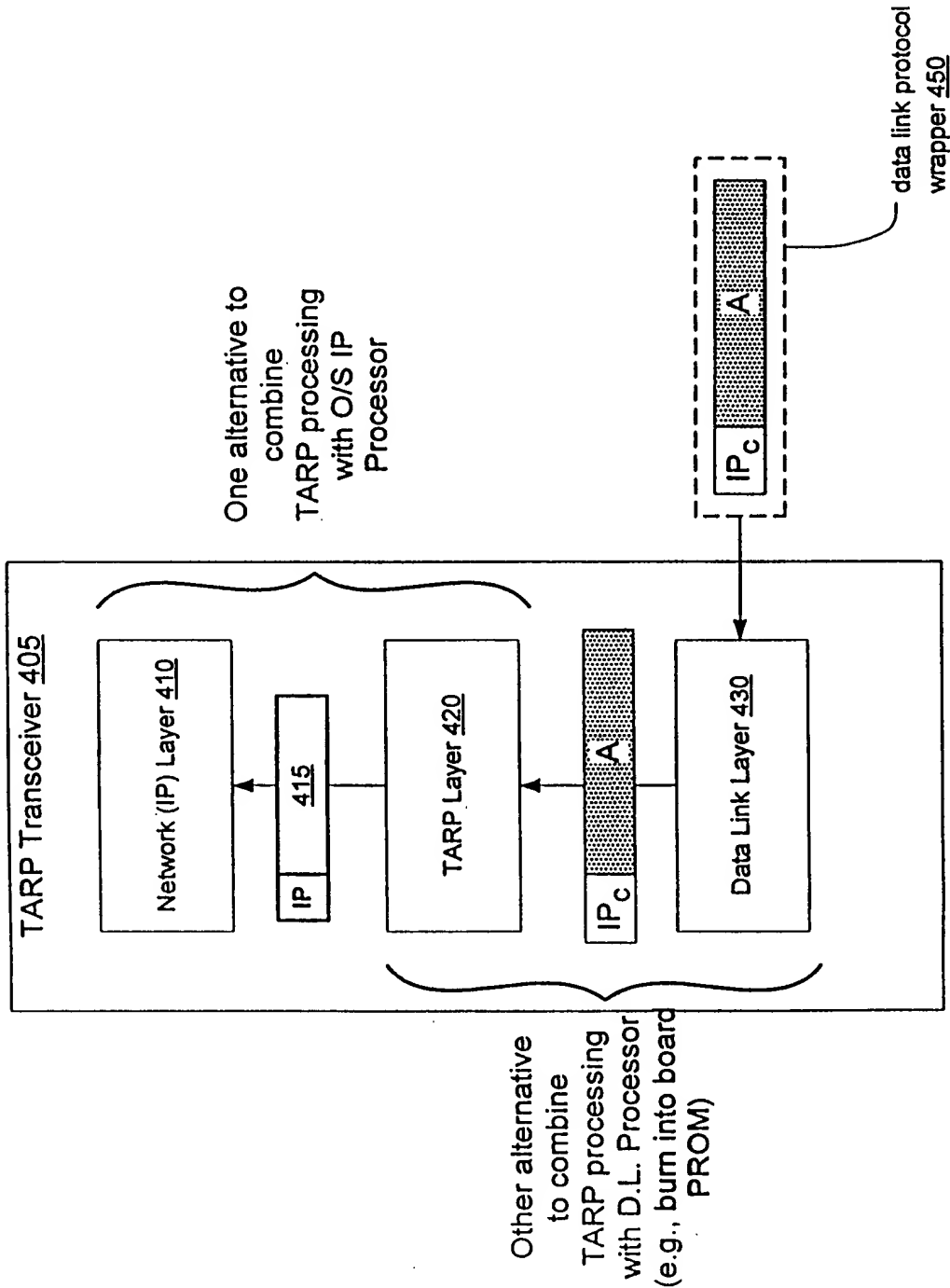


Fig. 4

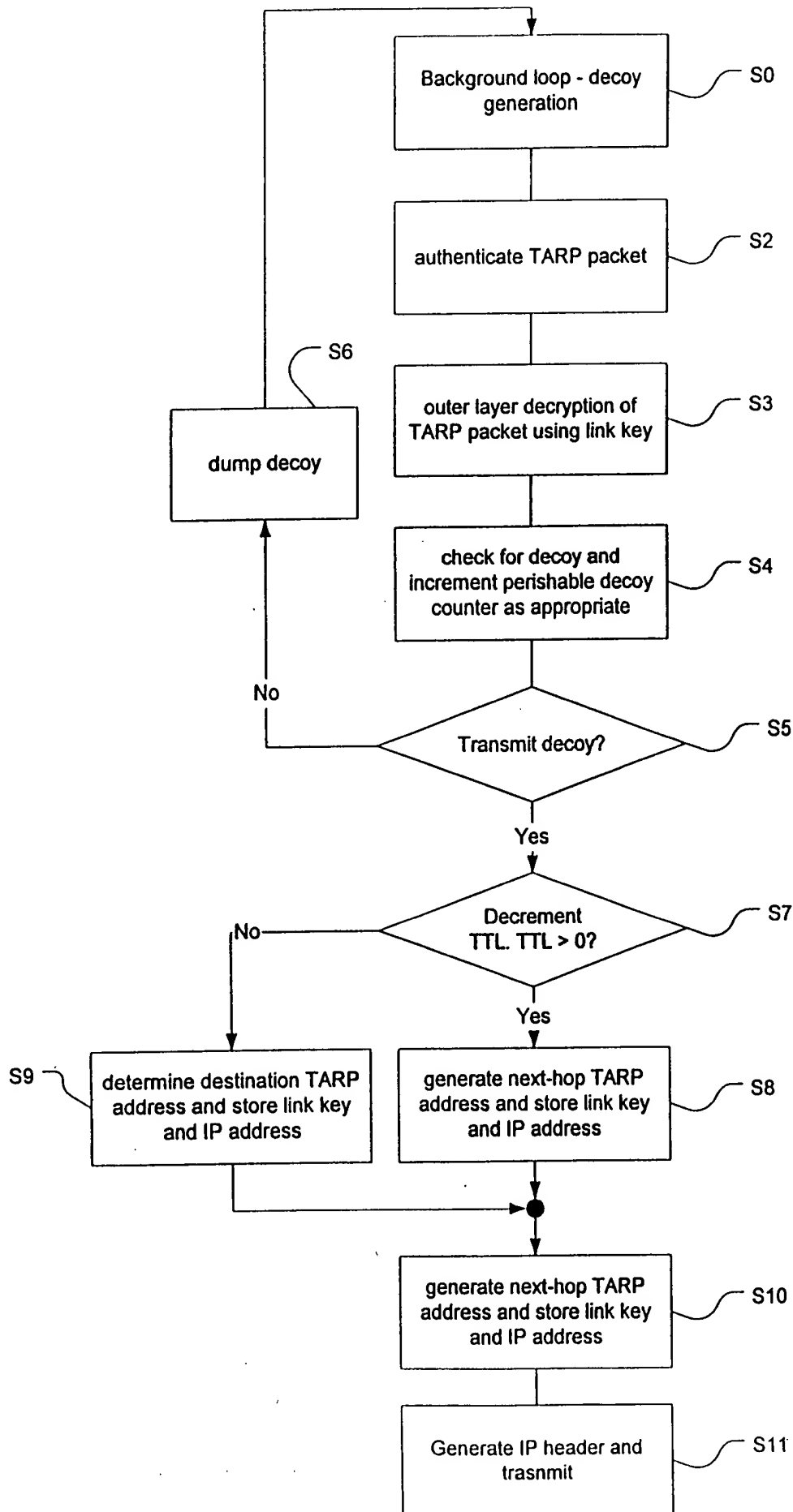


Fig. 5

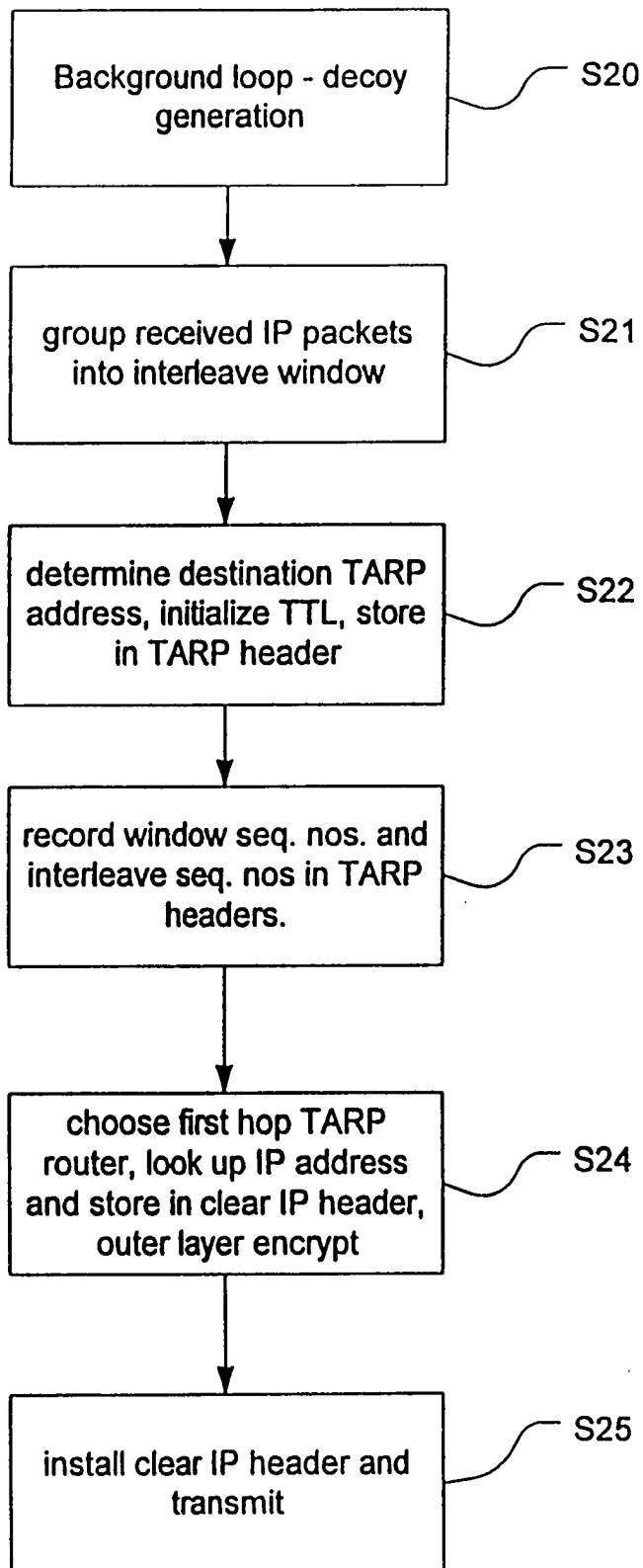


Fig. 6

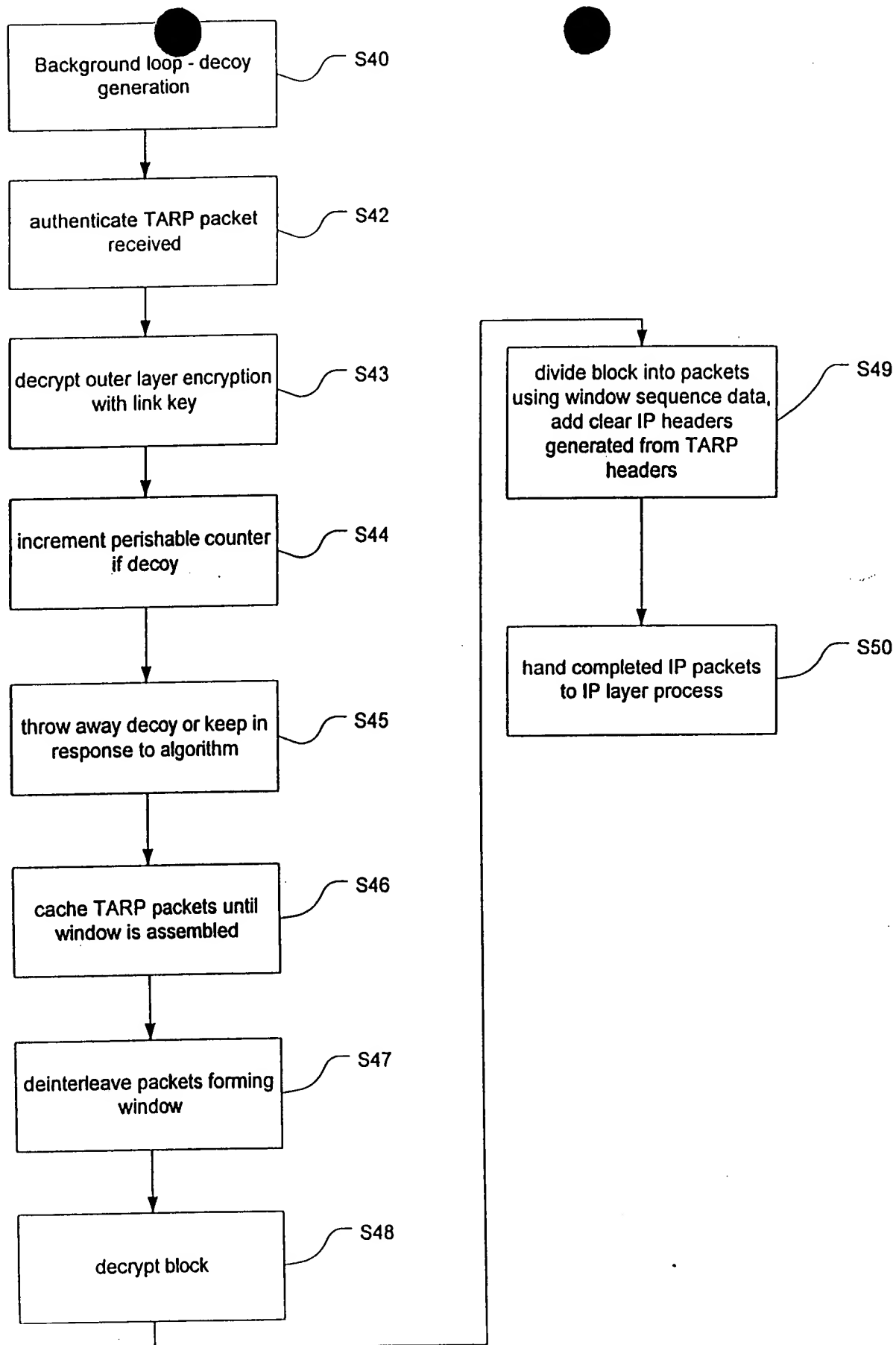


Fig. 7

FIG. 8

SECURE SESSION ESTABLISHMENT
AND SYNCHRONIZATION

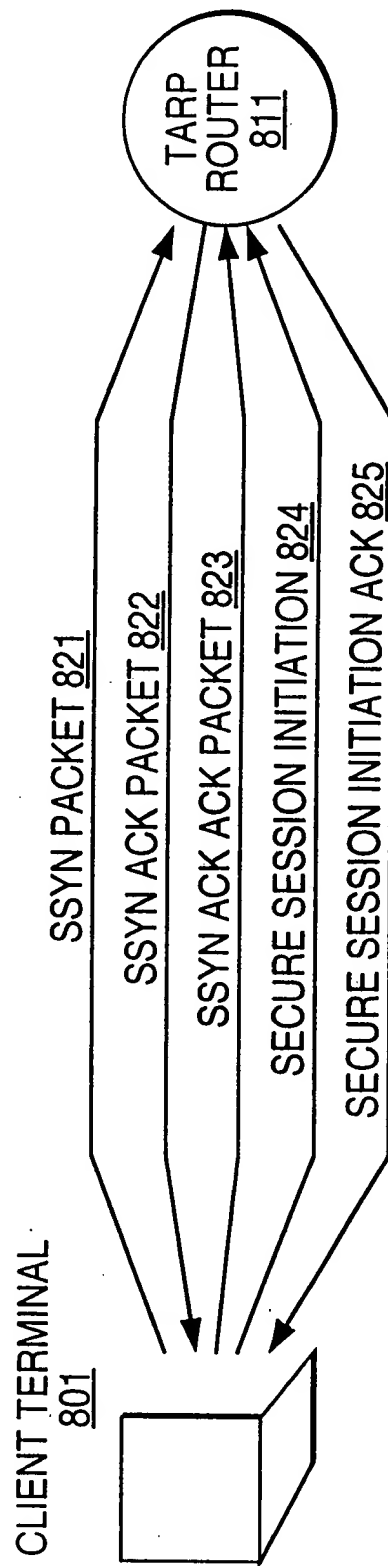
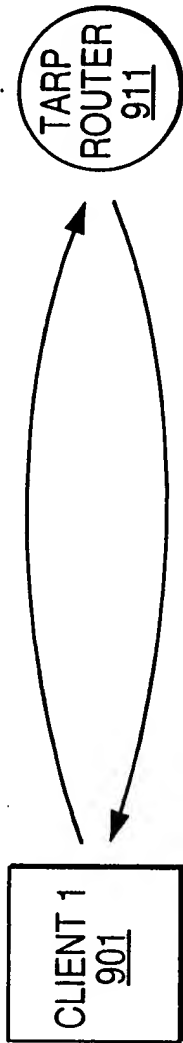


FIG. 9

IHOP TRANSMIT AND RECEIVE TABLES



TRANSMIT TABLE 921

131.218.204.98	,	131.218.204.65
131.218.204.221	,	131.218.204.97
131.218.204.139	,	131.218.204.186
131.218.204.12	,	131.218.204.55

RECEIVE TABLE 924

131.218.204.98	,	131.218.204.65
131.218.204.221	,	131.218.204.97
131.218.204.139	,	131.218.204.186
131.218.204.12	,	131.218.204.55

RECEIVE TABLE 922

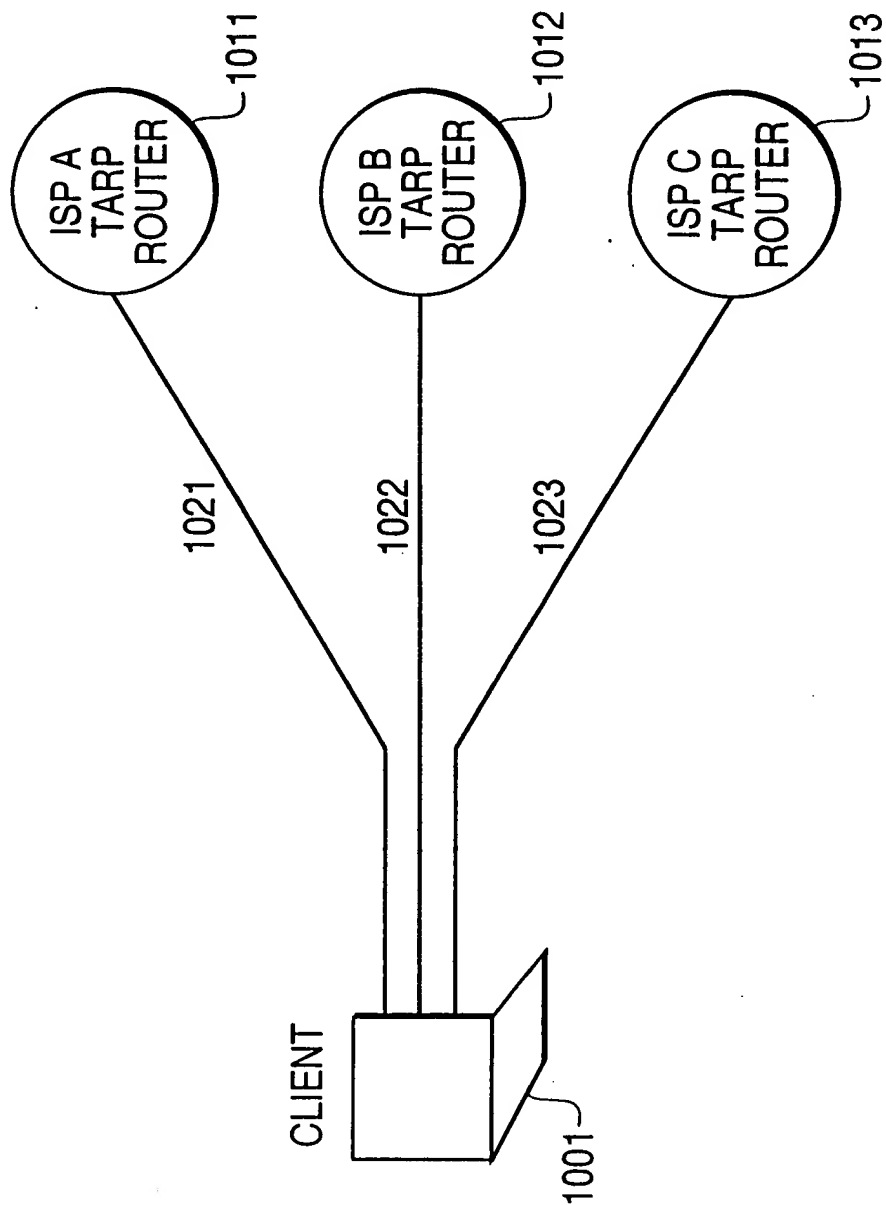
131.218.204.161	,	131.218.204.89
131.218.204.66	,	131.218.204.212
131.218.204.201	,	131.218.204.127
131.218.204.119	,	131.218.204.49

TRANSMIT TABLE 923

131.218.204.161	,	131.218.204.89
131.218.204.66	,	131.218.204.212
131.218.204.201	,	131.218.204.127
131.218.204.119	,	131.218.204.49

FIG. 10

PHYSICAL LINK REDUNDANCY



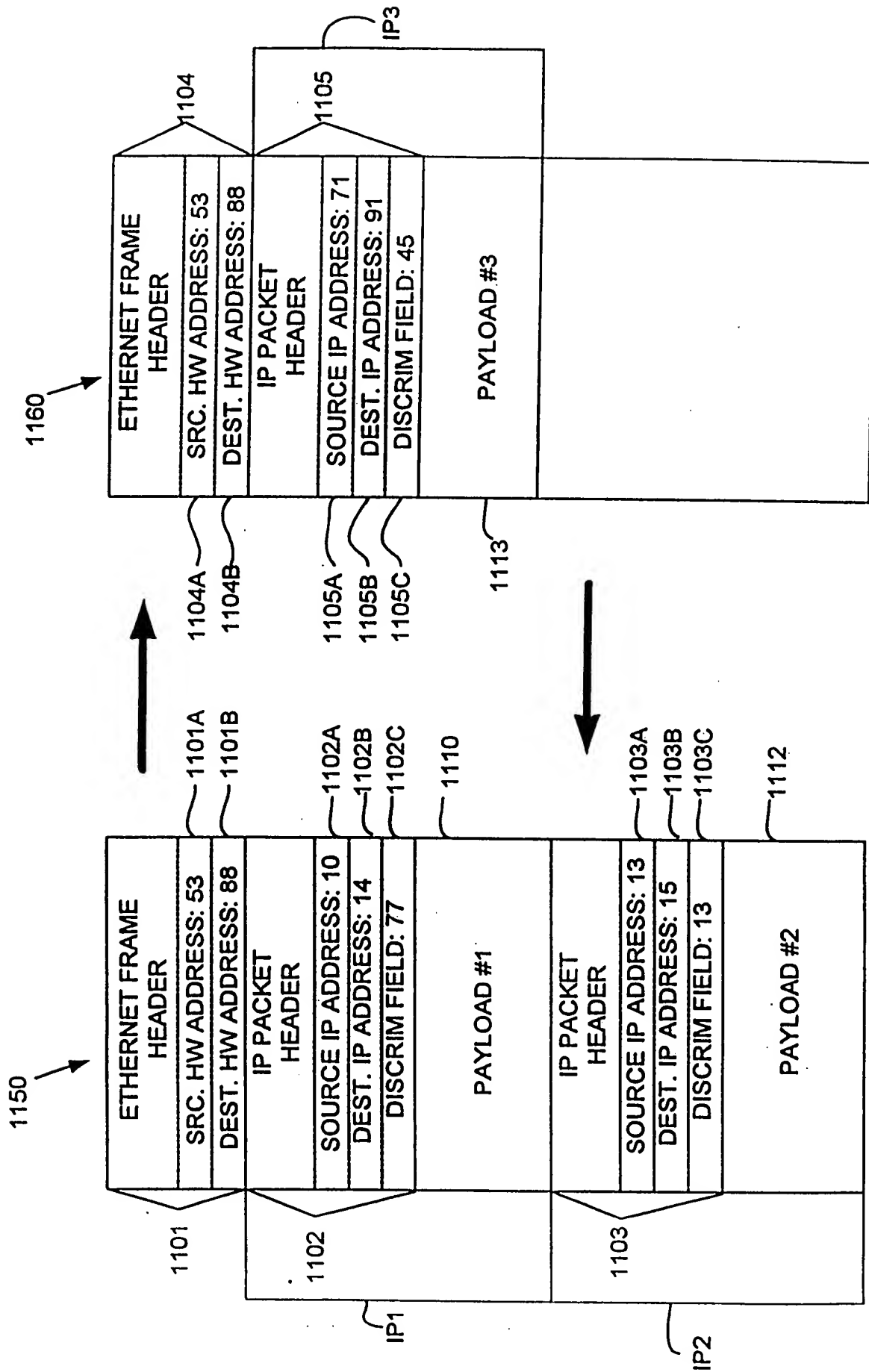


FIG. 11

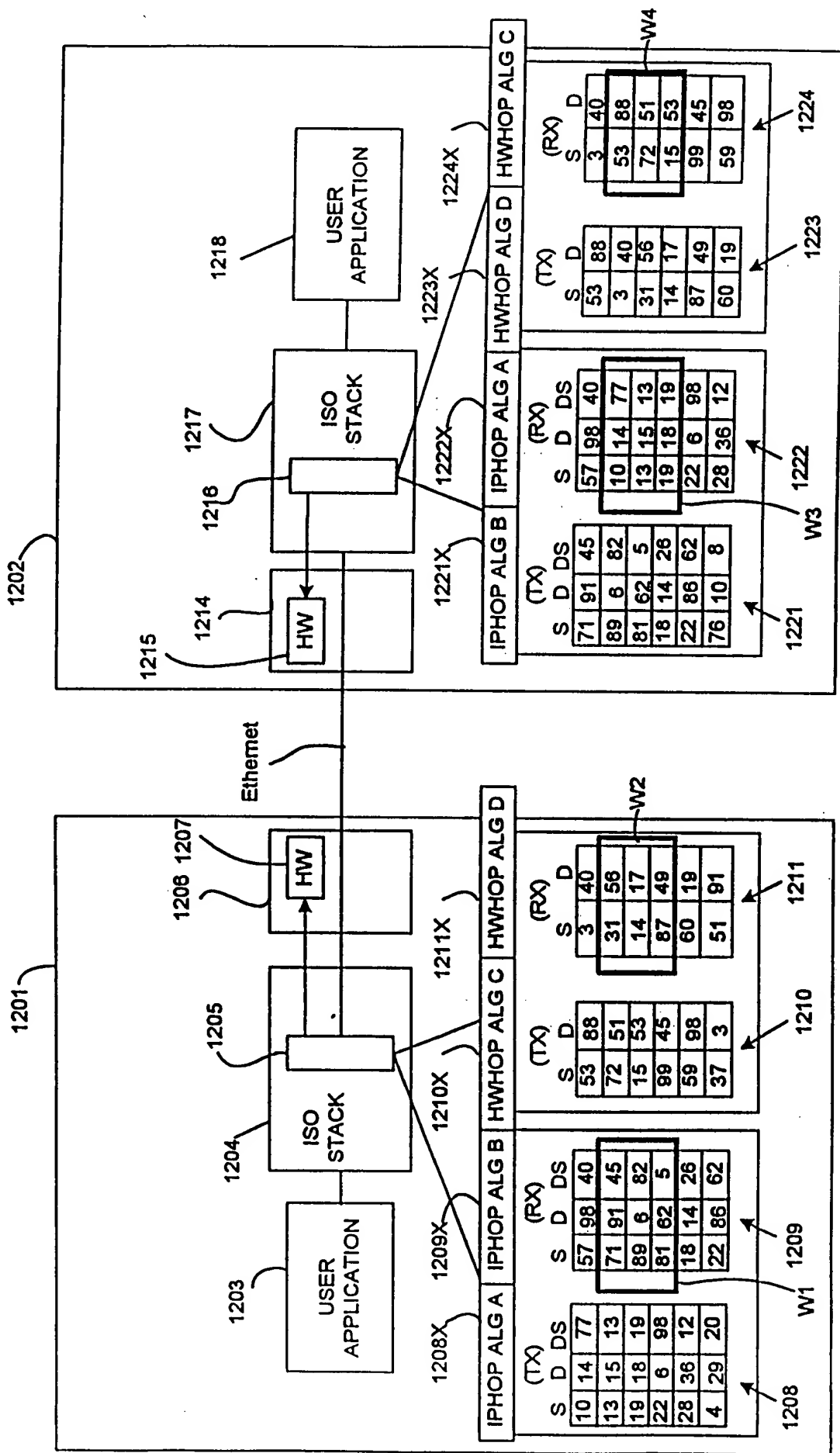


FIG. 12A

MODE OR EMBODIMENT	HARDWARE ADDRESSES	IP ADDRESSES	DISCRIMINATOR FIELD VALUES
1. PROMISCUOUS	SAME FOR ALL NODES OR COMPLETELY RANDOM	CAN BE VARIED IN SYNC	CAN BE VARIED IN SYNC
2. PROMISCUOUS PER VPN	FIXED FOR EACH VPN	CAN BE VARIED IN SYNC	CAN BE VARIED IN SYNC
3. HARDWARE HOPPING	CAN BE VARIED IN SYNC	CAN BE VARIED IN SYNC	CAN BE VARIED IN SYNC

FIG. 12B

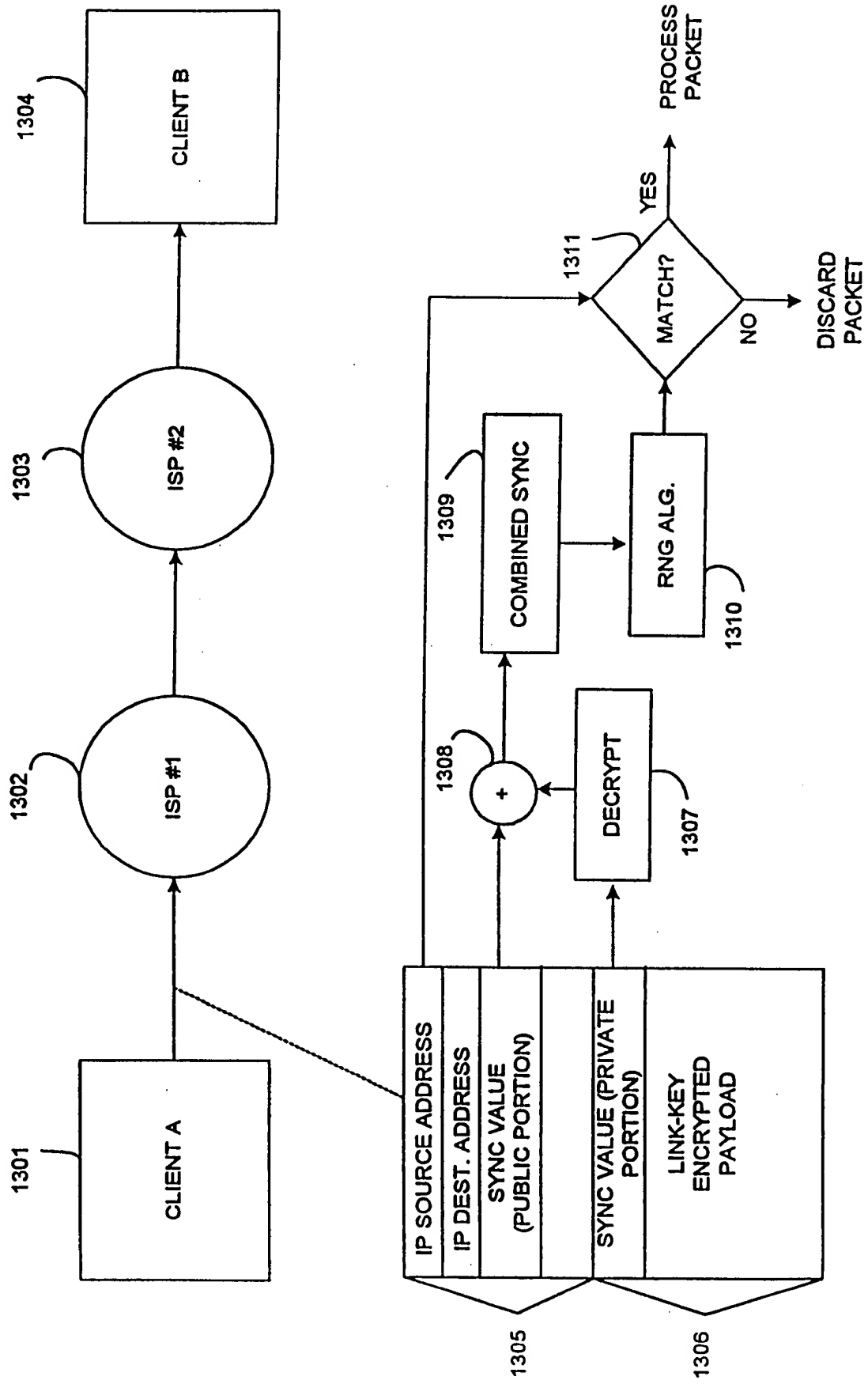


FIG. 13

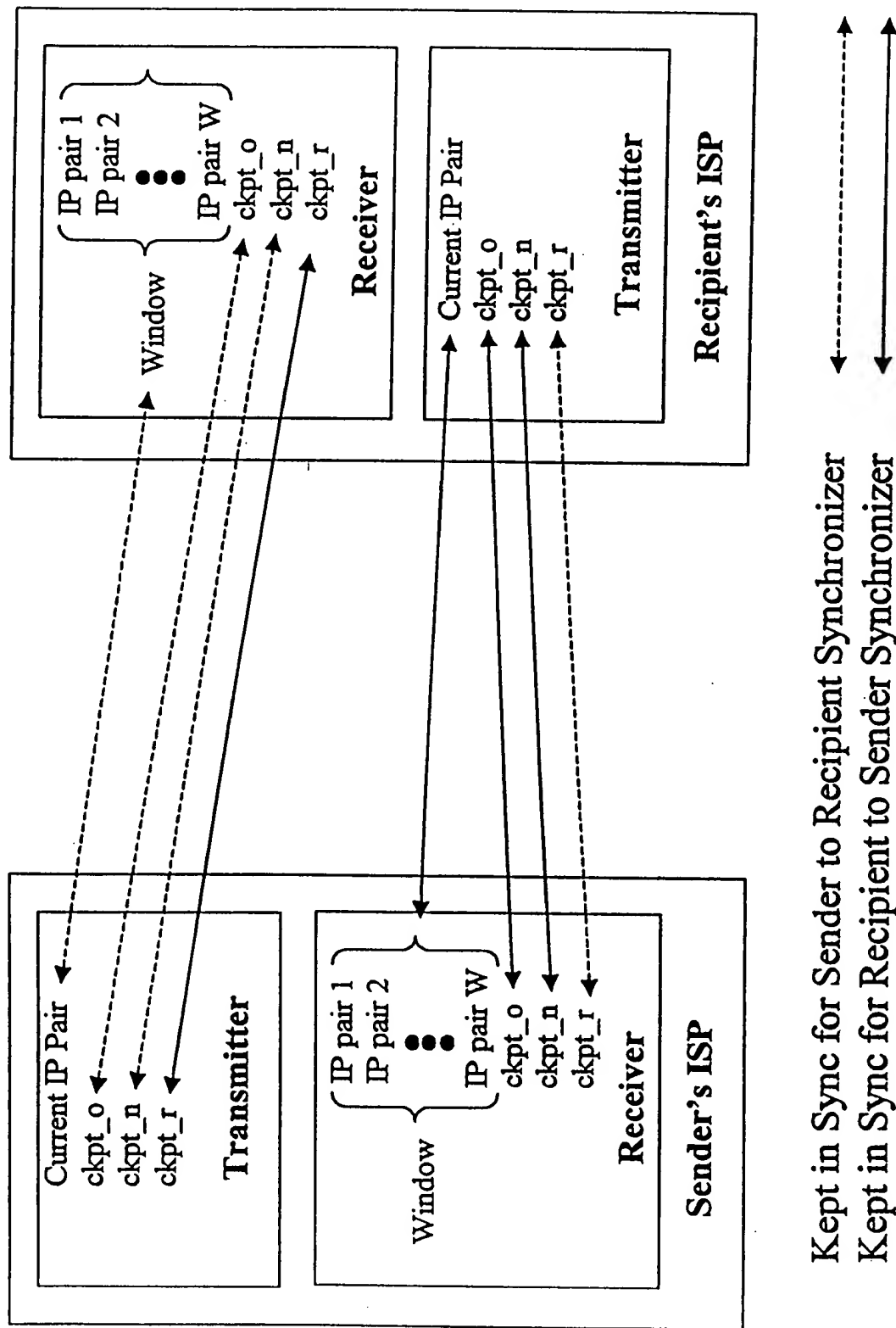


FIG. 14

(Ethernet Lan - Two A Address Blocks)

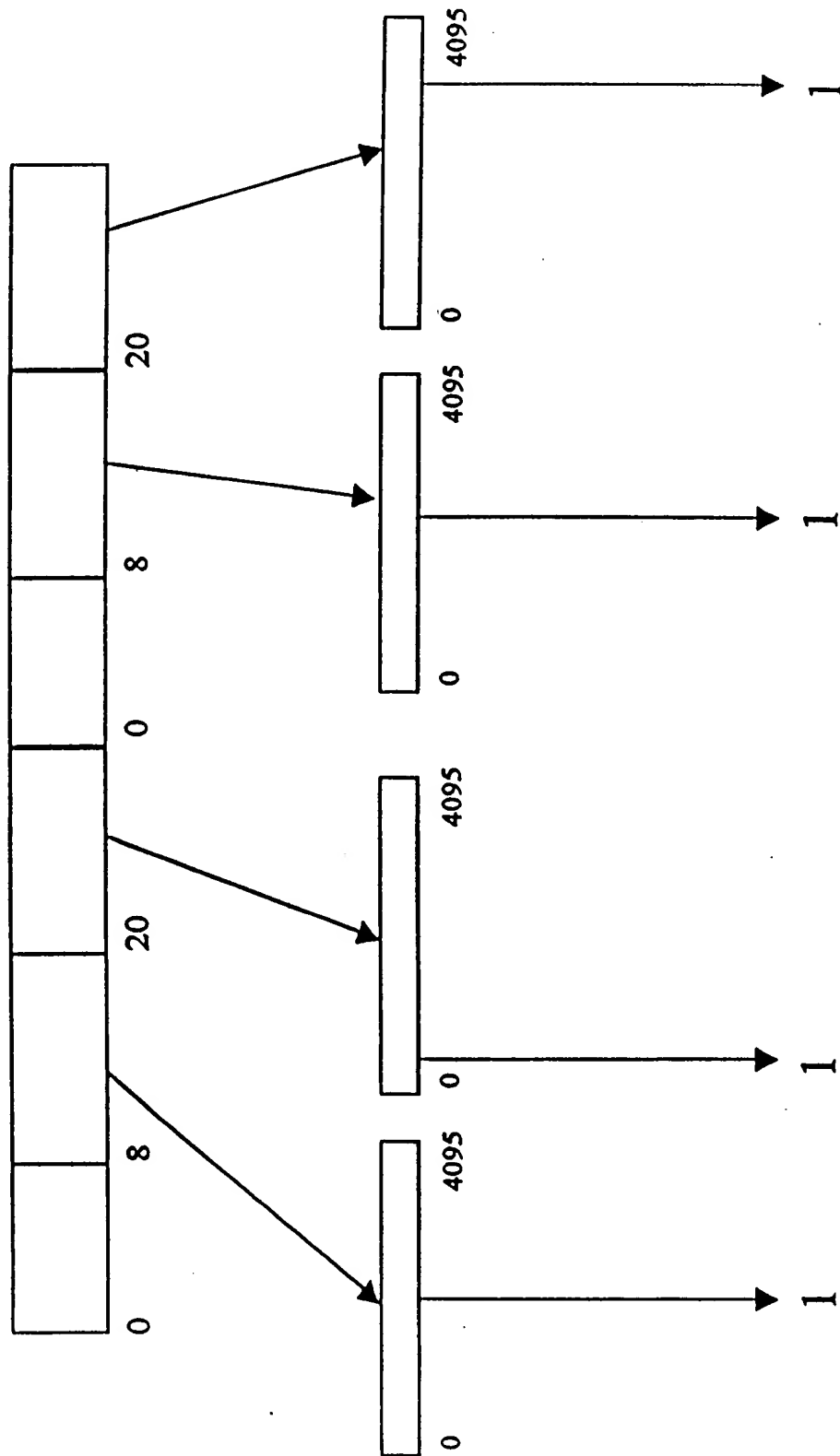


FIG. 16

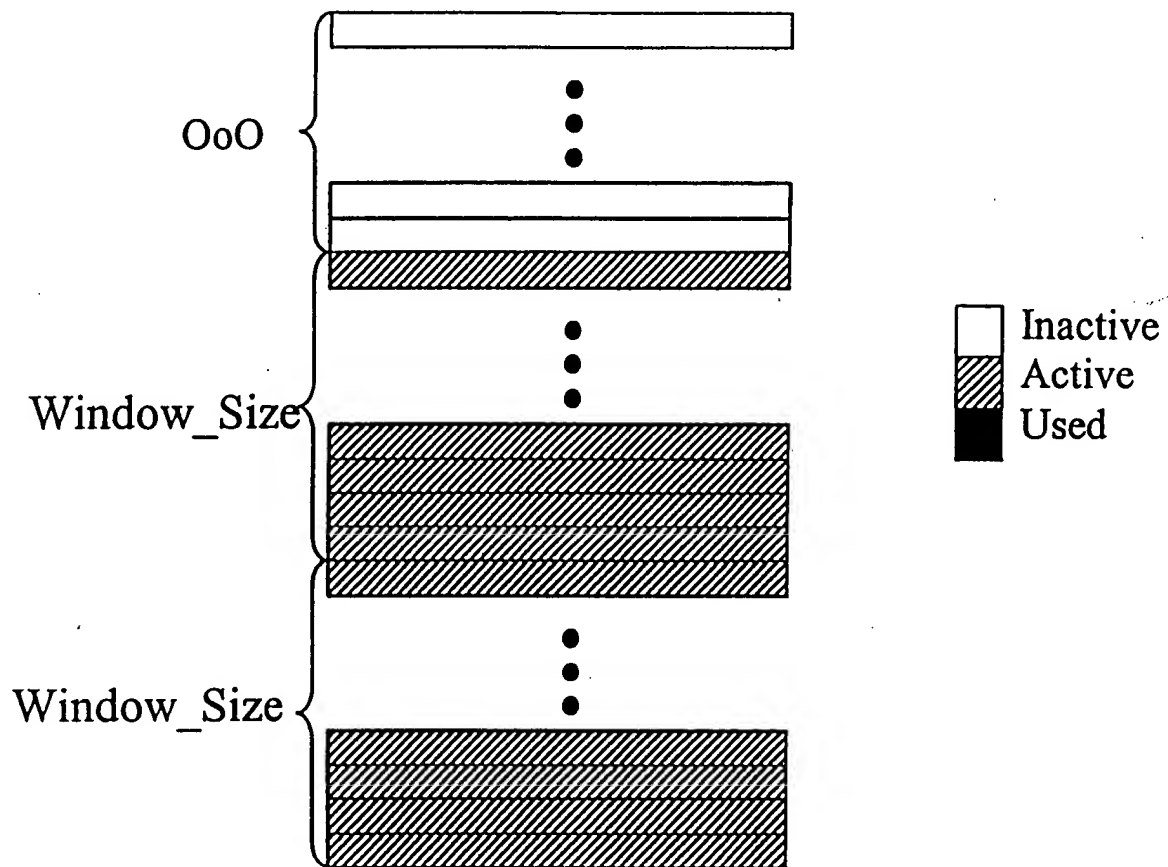


FIG. 17

OoO

Window_Size

Window_Size



FIG. 18

FIG. 19

FIG. 20

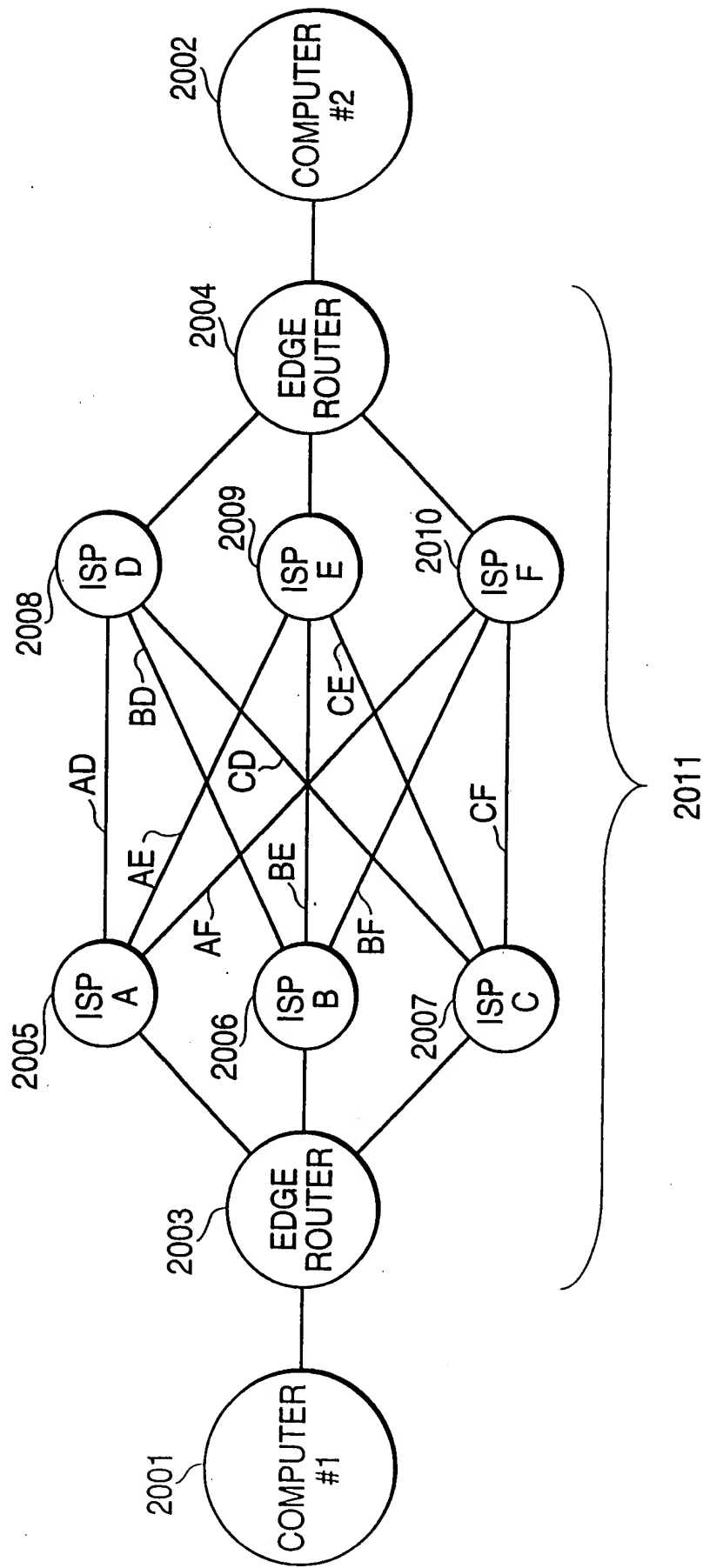
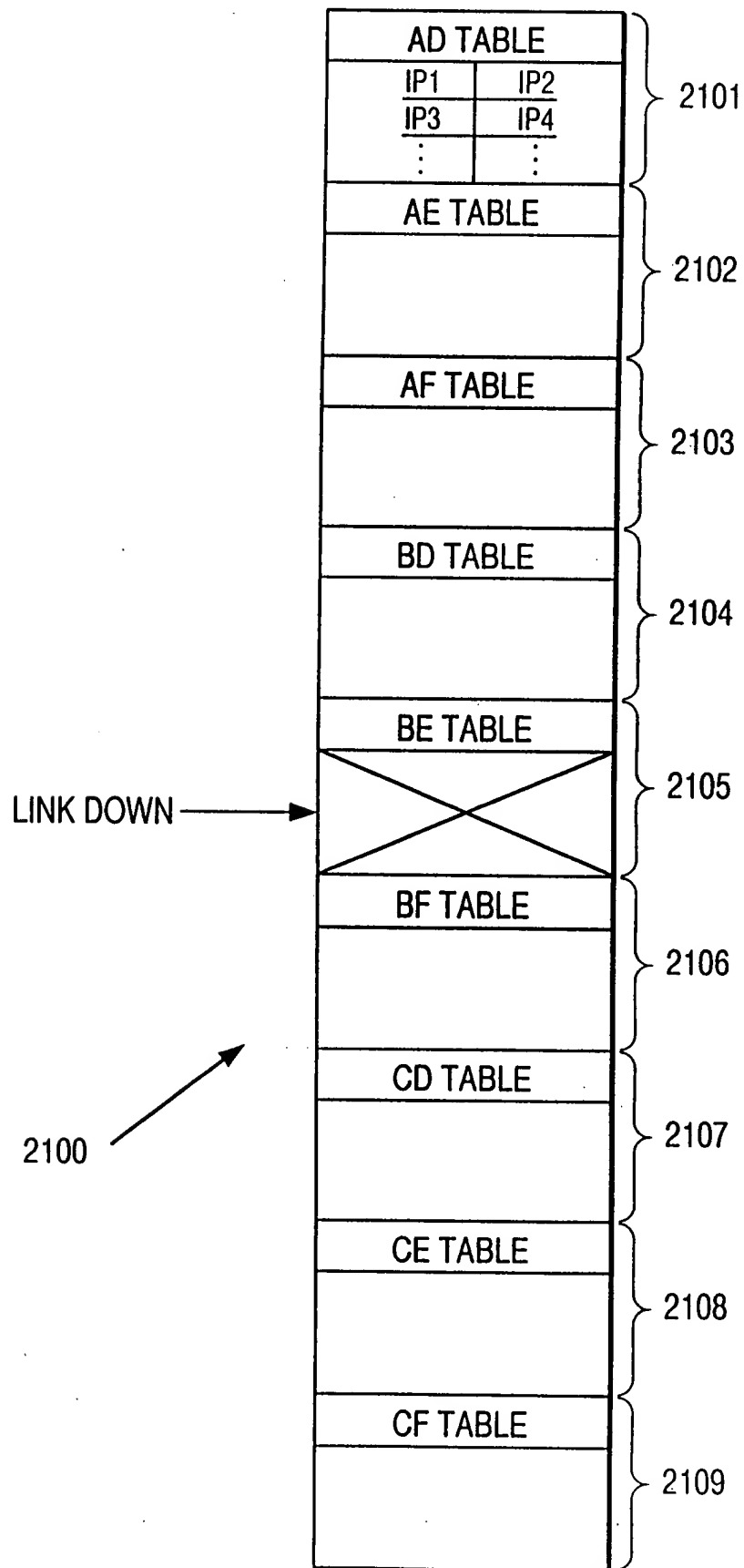
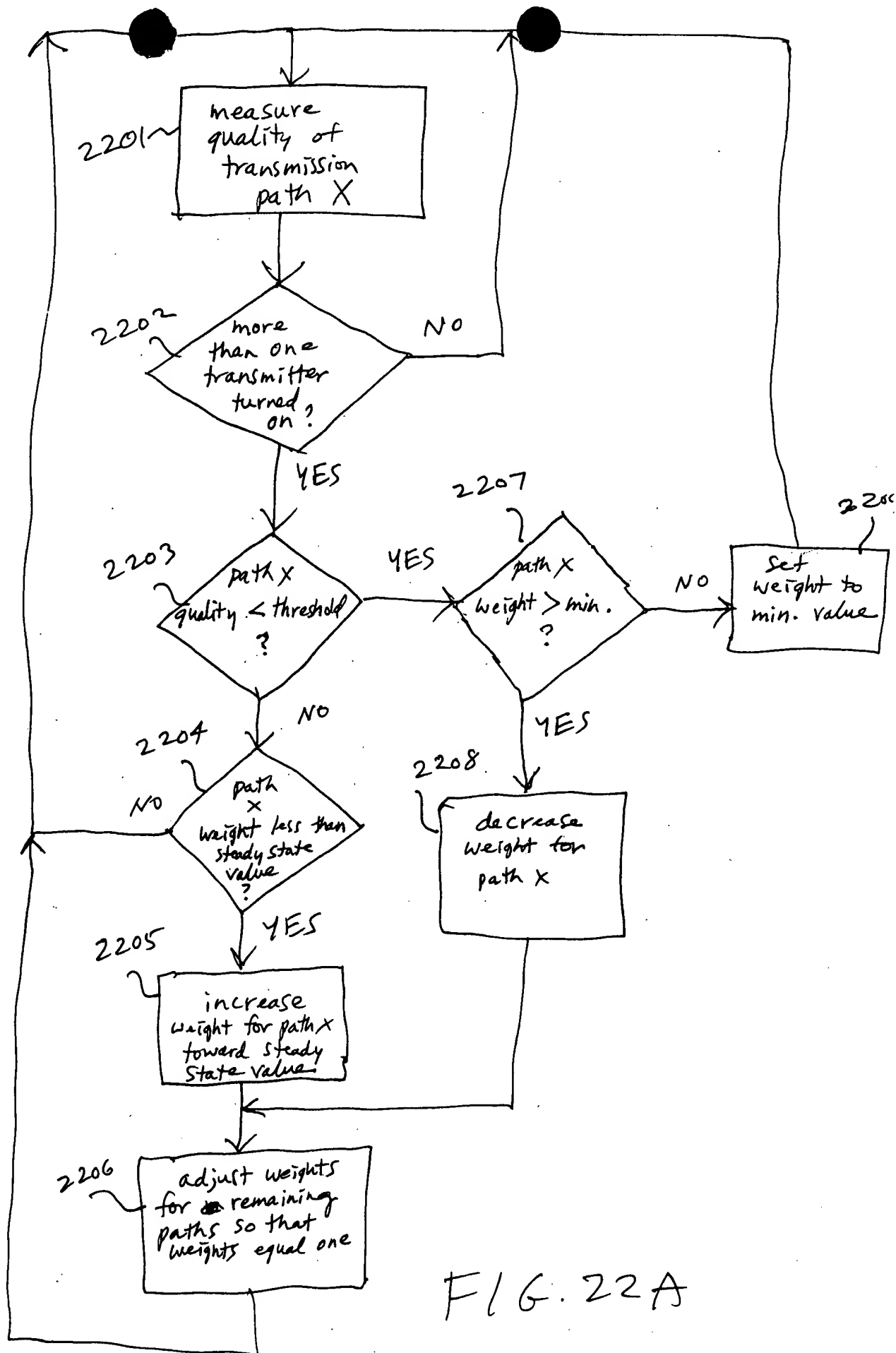


FIG. 21





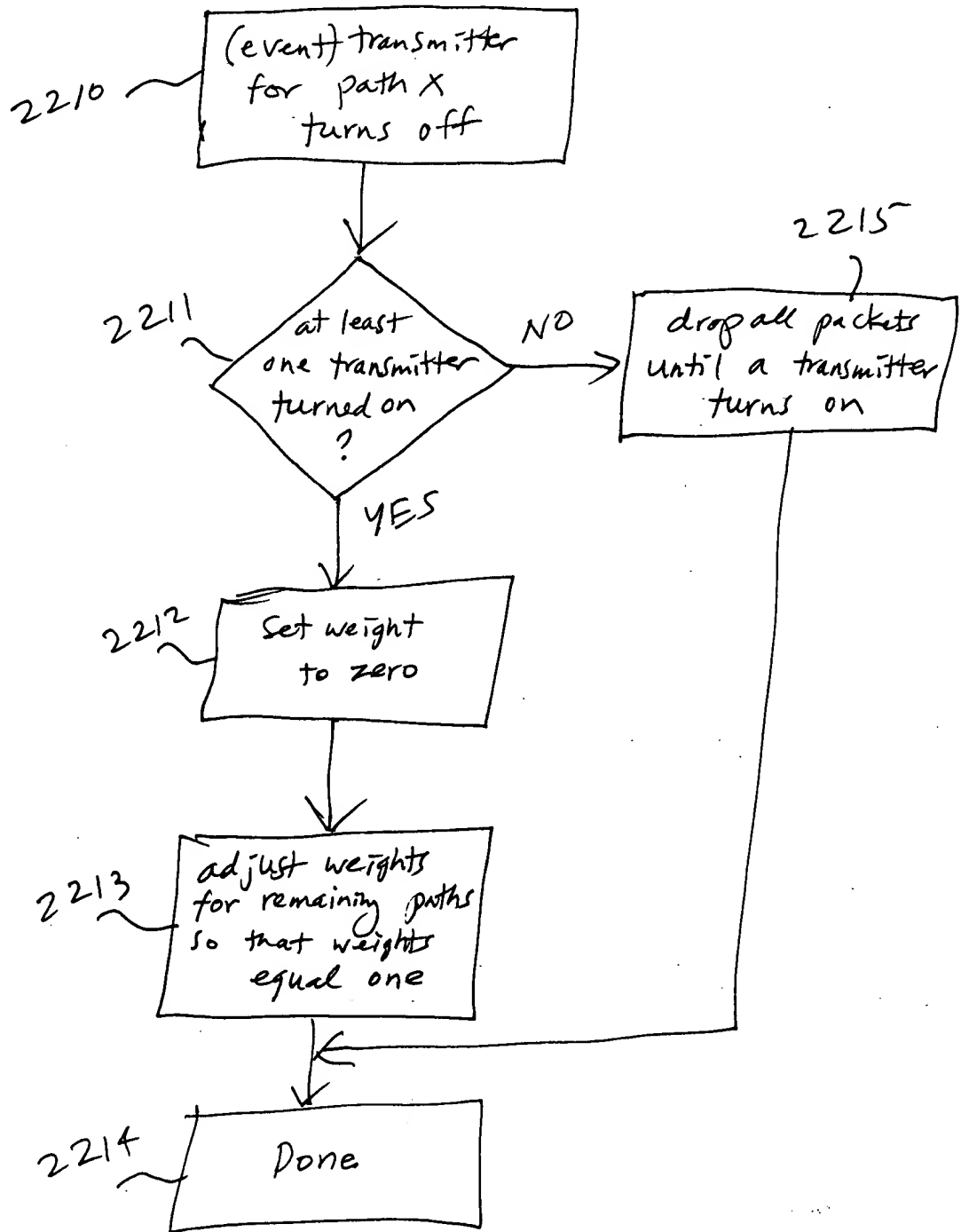
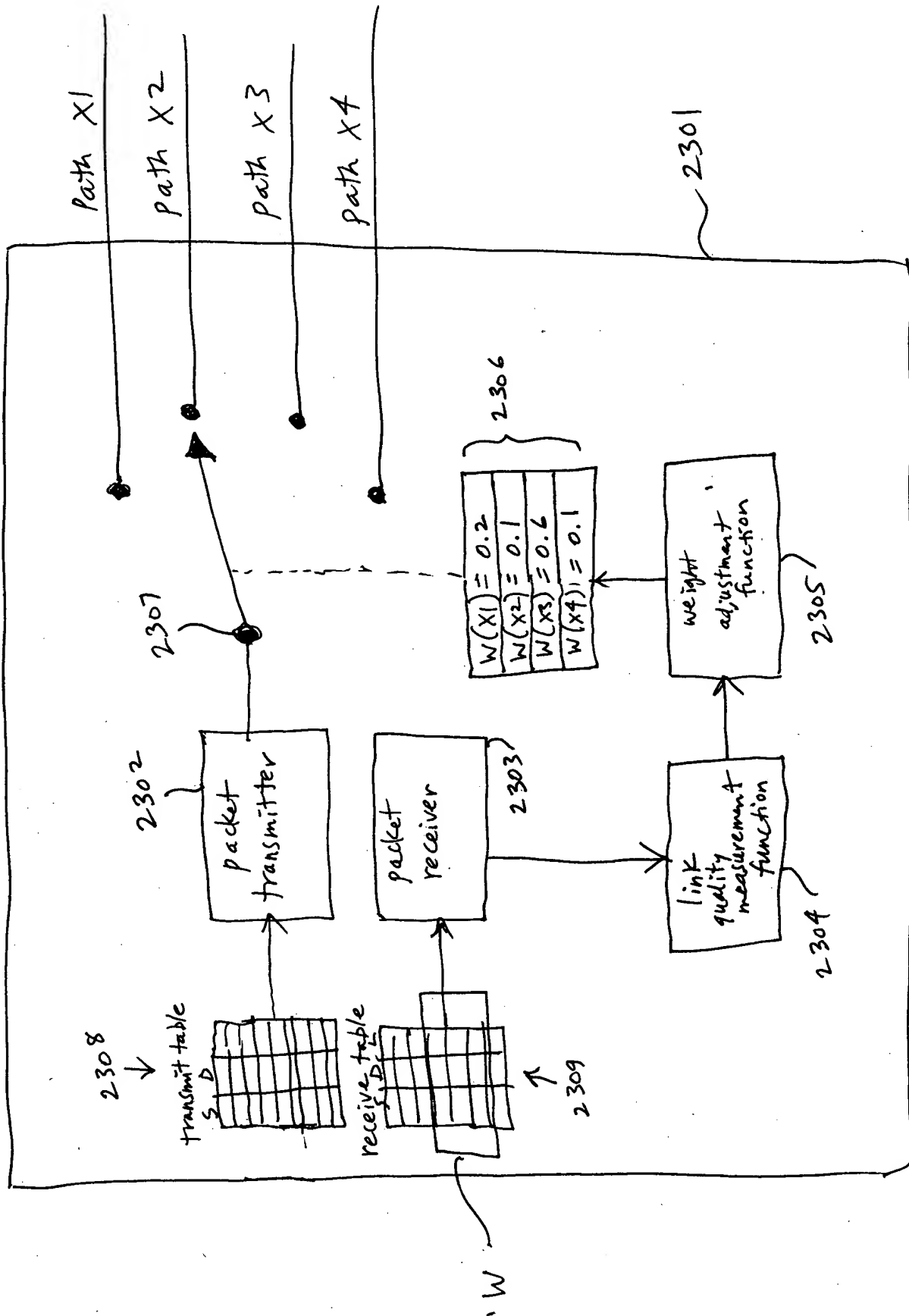


FIG. 22B



F/G. 23

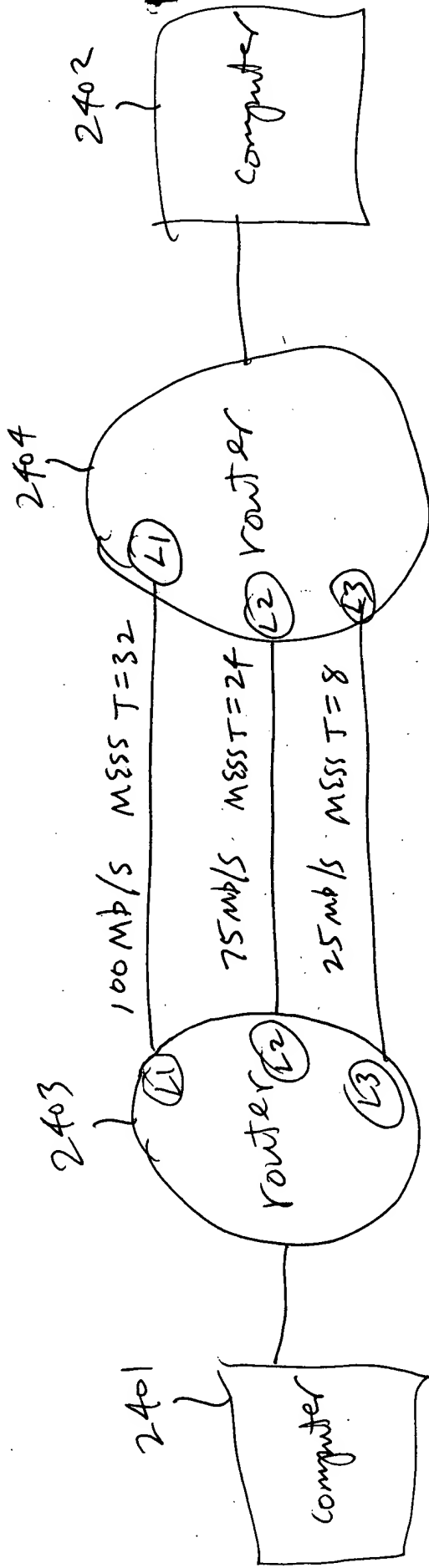


FIG. 24

FIG. 25 is a block diagram of a system 2500 for providing a web page to a user. The system 2500 includes a web browser 2504, an IP stack 2505, a DNS 2502, and a target web site 2503. The web browser 2504 is connected to the IP stack 2505. The IP stack 2505 is connected to the DNS 2502 and the target web site 2503. The DNS 2502 sends a DNS REQ to the IP stack 2505 and receives a DNS RESP in return. The IP stack 2505 sends a PAGE REQ to the target web site 2503 and receives a PAGE RESP in return.

2502

2501

2504

2506

2505

2503

DNS

target
web
site

DNS REQ

DNS RESP

PAGE REQ

PAGE RESP

IP
stack

web
browser

FIG. 25
(prior art)

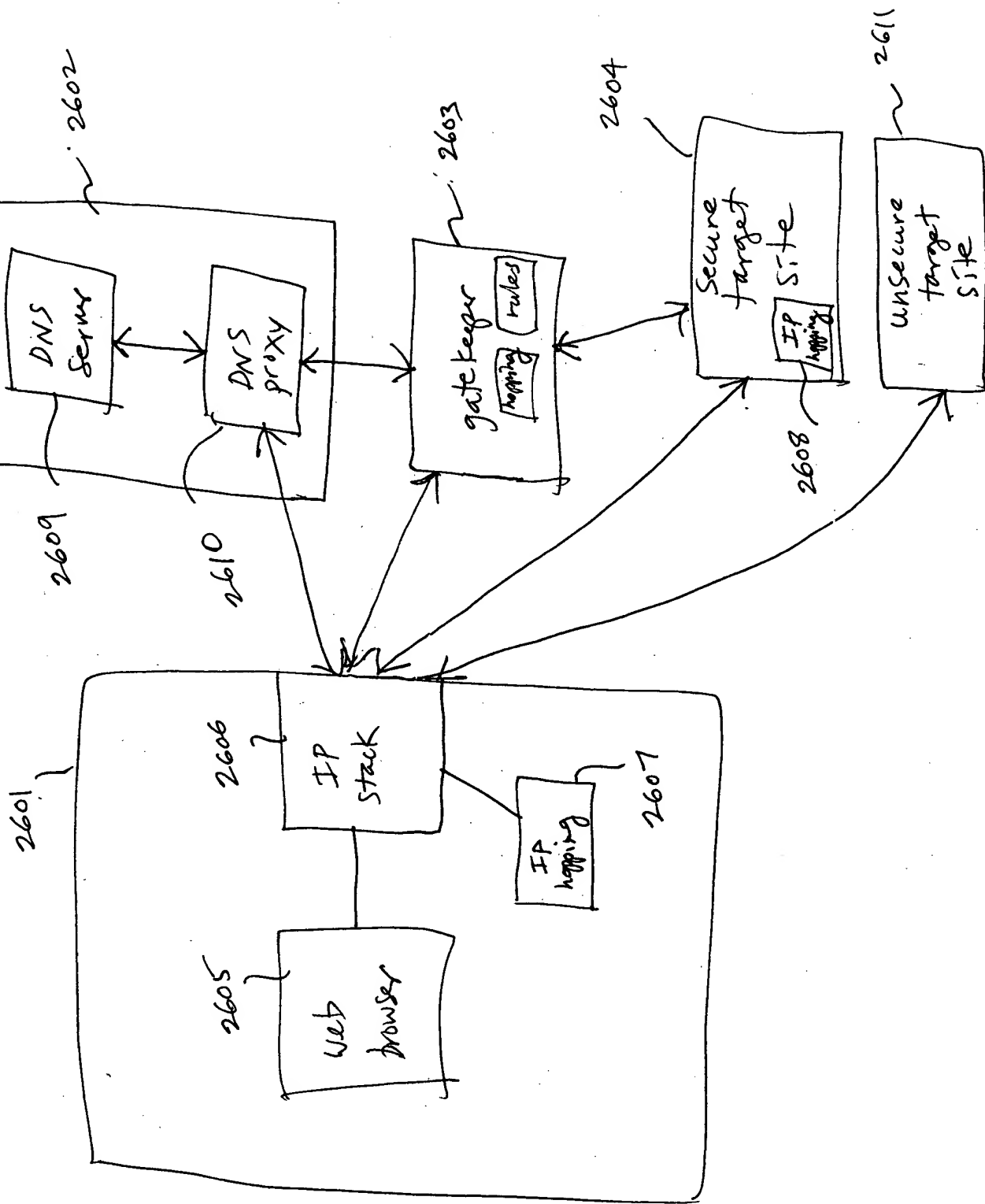


FIG. 26

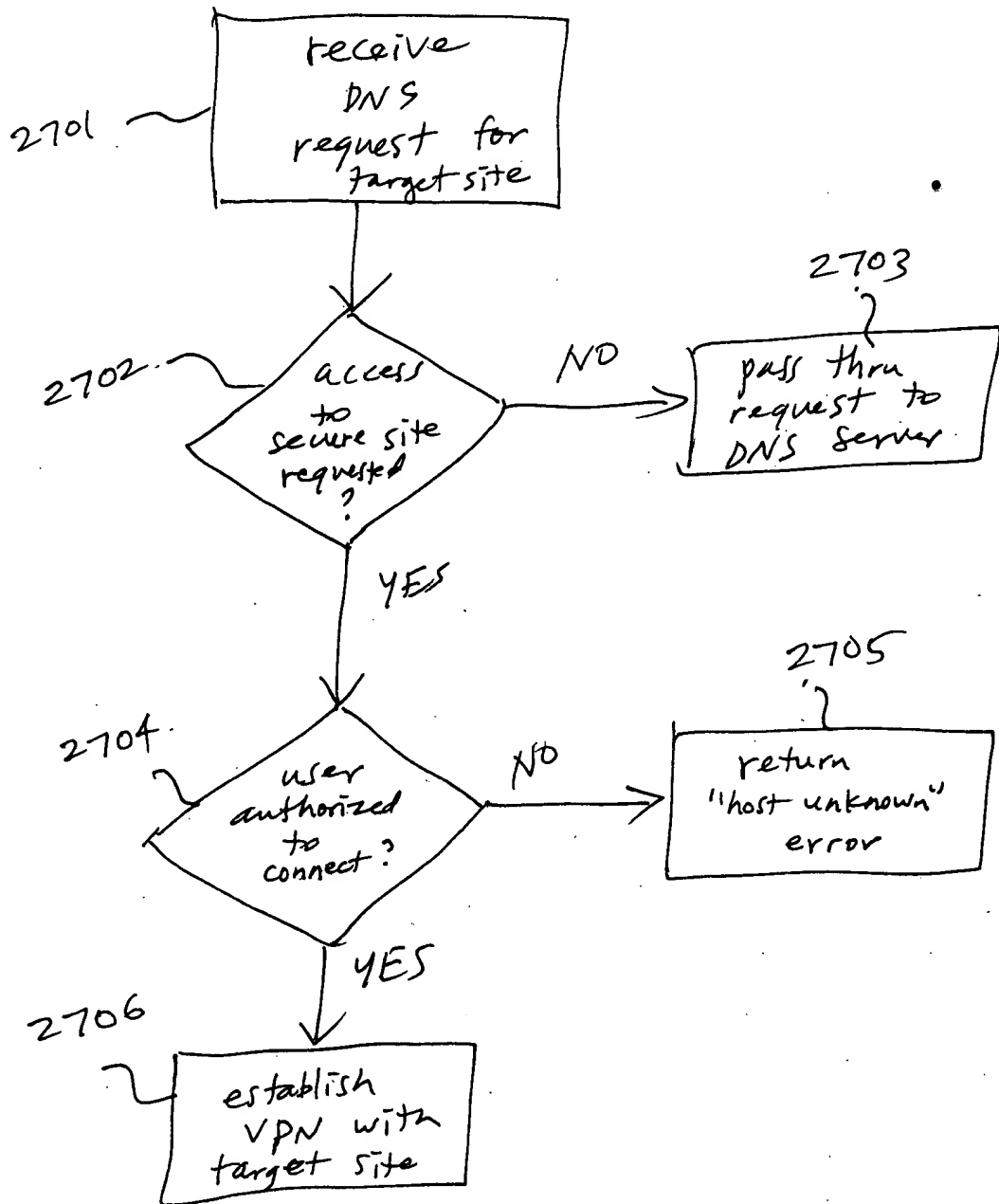


FIG. 27

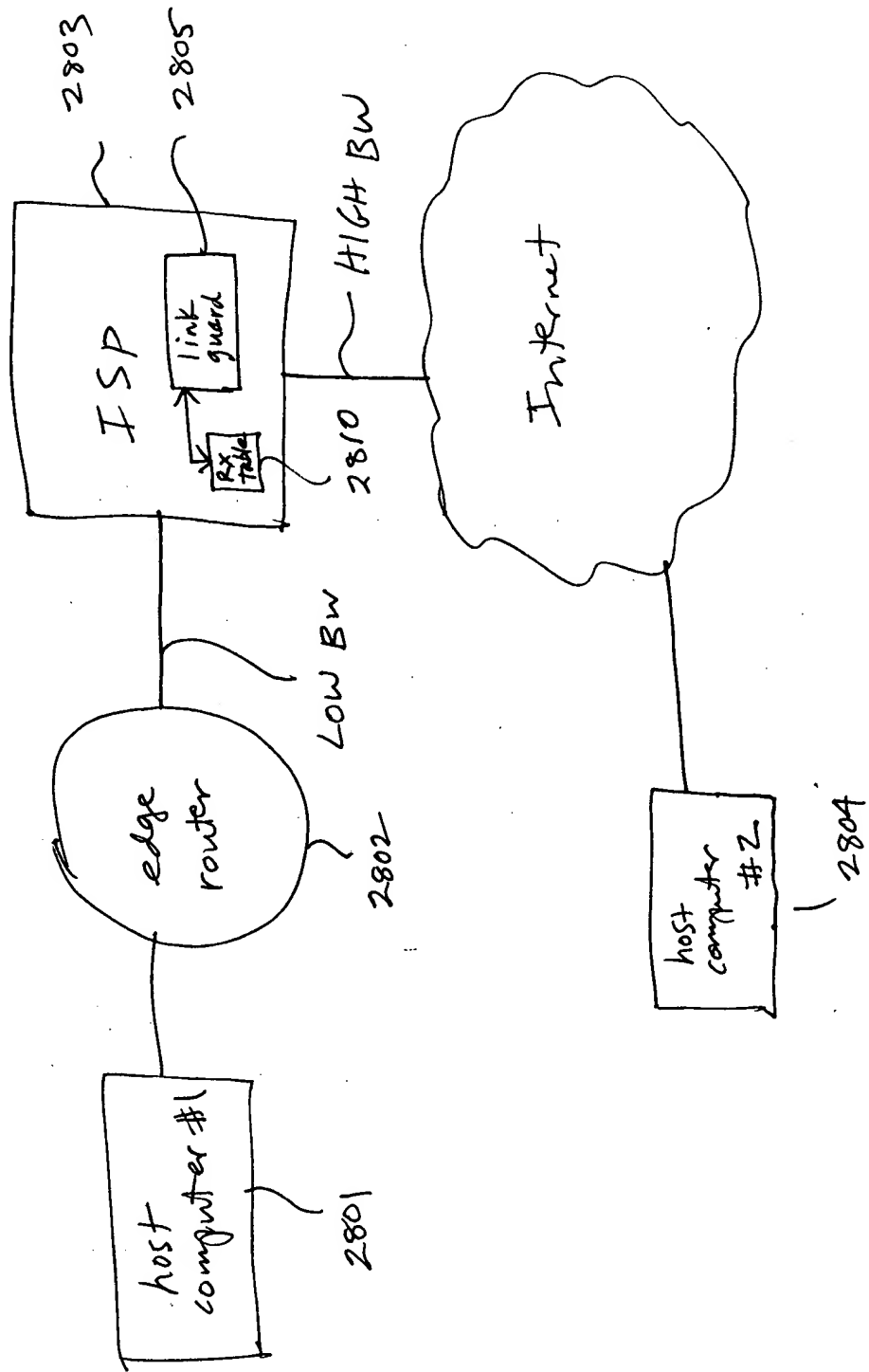


FIG. 28

FIG. 29 is a block diagram of a network system 2900, illustrating a method for detecting a link guard attack. The system includes a host computer #1 (2900) connected to an edge router (2904) via a low bandwidth (LOW BW) link (2909). The edge router (2904) is connected to an Internet Service Provider (ISP) (2901) via a high bandwidth (HIGH BW) link (2907). The ISP (2901) includes a link guard (2910) and a link guard attack (2911). The Internet (2902) is connected to a host computer #2 (2902) and a hacker computer (2903). The host computer #2 (2902) is connected to the Internet (2902) via a high bandwidth (HIGH BW) link (2912). The hacker computer (2903) is connected to the Internet (2902) via a high bandwidth (HIGH BW) link (2913). The hacker computer (2903) is shown flooding the Internet (2902) with IP traffic (FLOOD IP TX 100-200).

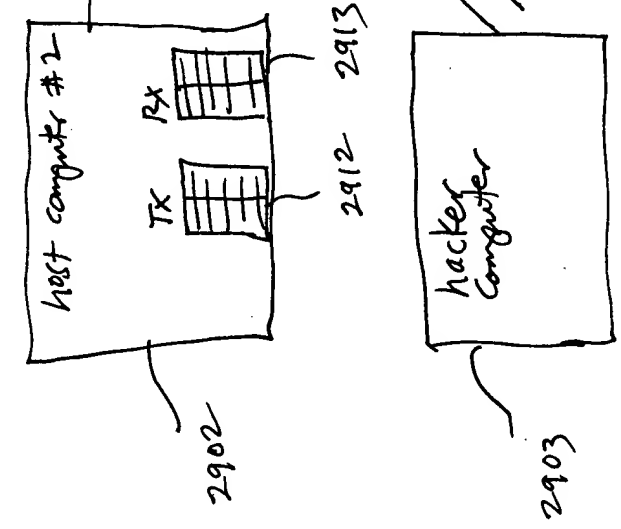
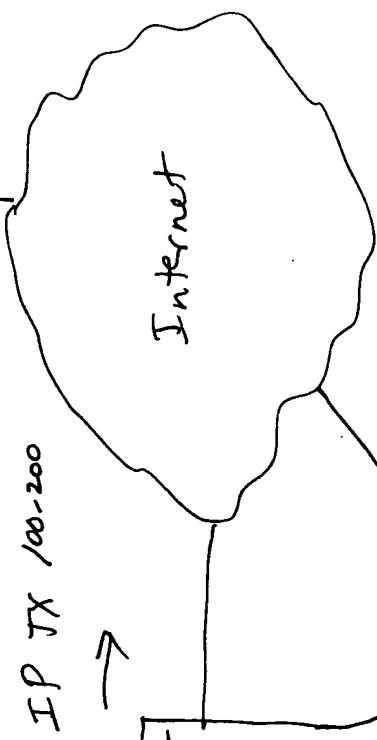
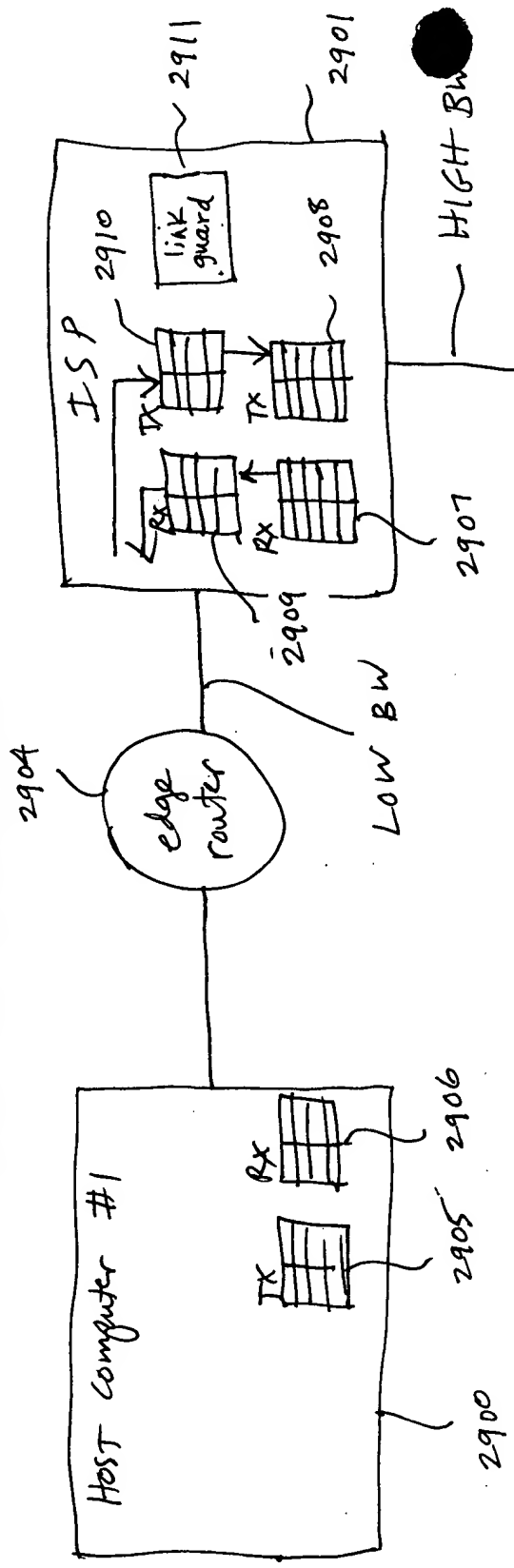


FIG. 29

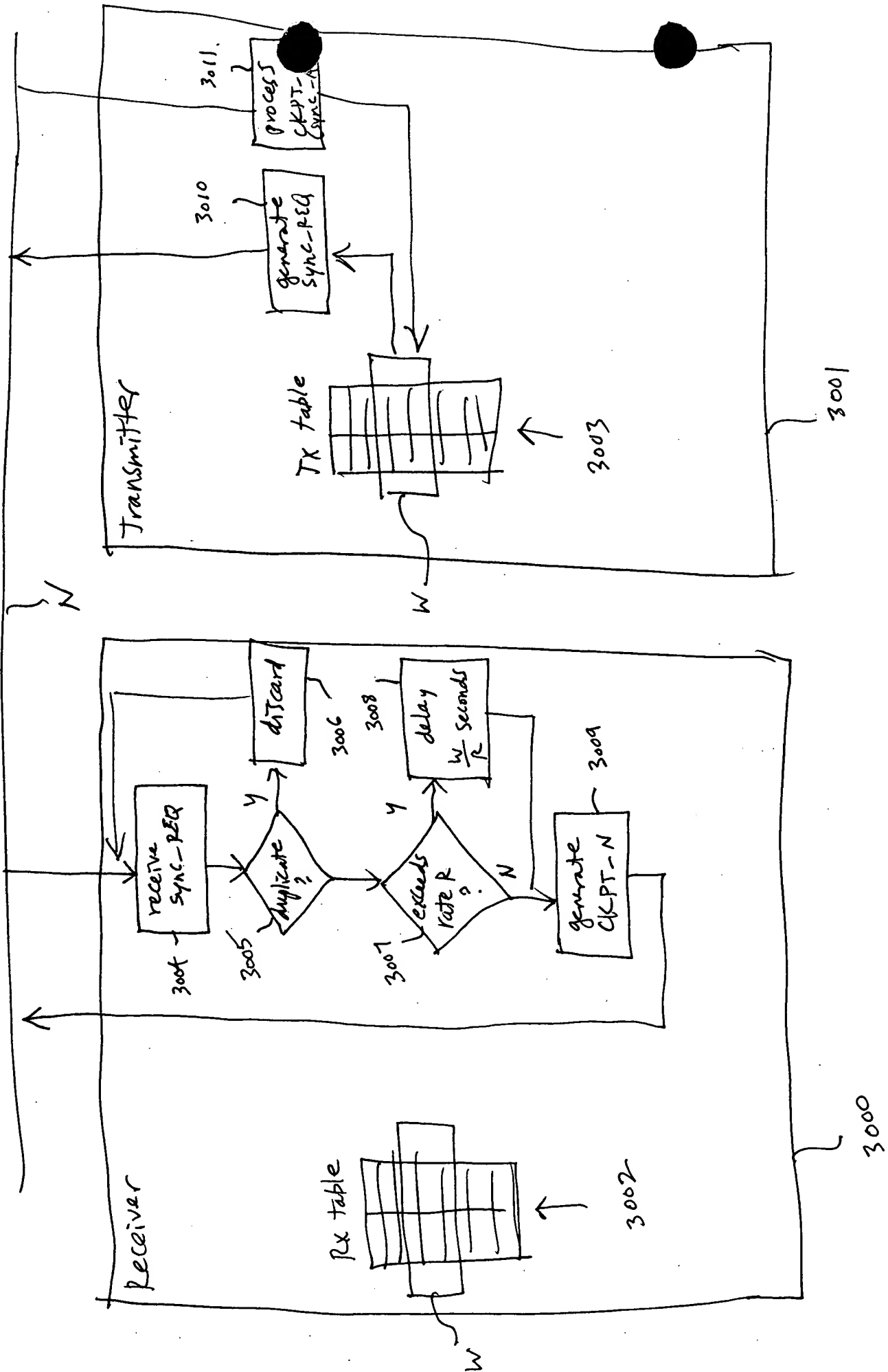


FIG. 10

FIG. 3 is a block diagram of a system 300 in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention.

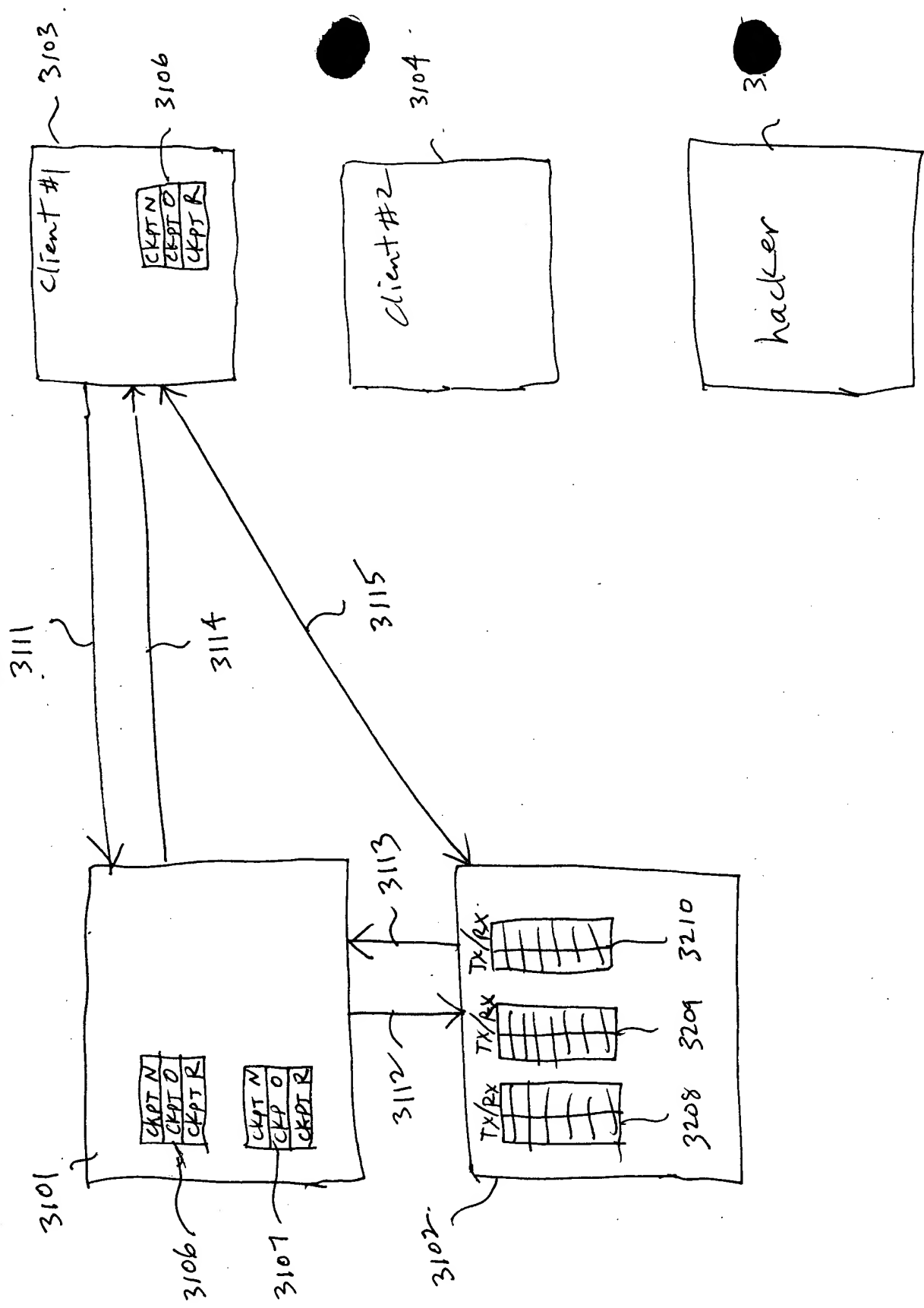


FIG. 3

Client

Server

Send Data Packet
Using CKPT_N
CKPT_O=CKPT_N
Generate New CKPT_N
Start timer, Shut transmitter
Off

If CKPT_O in SYNC_ACK
matches Transmitter's
CKPT_O
Update Receiver's
CKPT_R
Kill Timer, Turn
Transmitter On

Send Data Packet
Using CKPT_N
CKPT_O=CKPT_N
Generate New CKPT_N
Start timer, Shut transmitter
Off

When timer expires
Transmit SYNC_REQ
using Transmitters
CKPT_O, Start Timer

If CKPT_O in SYNC_ACK
matches Transmitter's
CKPT_O
Update Receiver's
CKPT_R
Kill Timer, Turn
Transmitter On

DATA

SYNC_ACK

DATA

SYNC_REQ

SYNC_ACK

Pass Data Up Stack
CKPT_O=CKPT_N
Generate new CKPT_N
Generate New CKPT_R for
Transmitter Side
Transmit SYNC_ACK
containing CKPT_O

CKPT_O=CKPT_N
Generate new CKPT_N
Generate New CKPT_R for
Transmitter Side
Transmit SYNC_ACK
containing CKPT_O

FIG. 32